

Diseases in Tribal Areas

1081. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the diseases prevailing in tribal dominated areas and economically backward areas of the country;

(b) the reasons for high rate of incidence of such diseases;

(c) the action taken by the Government to eradicate such diseases; and

(d) the achievements in that regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELPARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The major diseases are malaria, goitre, gastro-enteritis and diarrhoeal diseases.

(b) The forest environment; poor economic status, taboos, beliefs and attitudes; paucity of safe drinking water, unsatisfactory hygienic and sanitation conditions, etc.etc. are the main reasons for the high rate of the said diseases.

(c) and (d). The State Governments have a net-work of sub-centres, primary health centres and community health hospitals in the tribal areas in accordance with the prescribed norms. In addition, the Centre assists through the National Programmes for control of diseases like malaria. Many States have banned the sale of non-iodized salt. Over a period of time, it has been possible to manage the diseases more promptly and effectively.

[Translation]

Aircraft given by U.N.D.P.

1082. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA:
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations Development Programme had given a four-seater aircraft to the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of the purposes for which it has been used during the last one year and the names of places where it was used and the reasons therefor;

(c) the expenditure incurred on the aircraft in the forest fire control project during July, 1991 to Feb, 1992;

(d) whether the aircraft has been used for any other purpose during that period;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken to check the misuse of the aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir. The U.N.D.P. had given a low-flying 4 seater Aircraft to the Ministry.

(b) The Aircraft was used to visit Dehra Dun, Chandigarh/Bhunder, Varanasi/Lucknow, Bhopal/Chhindwara for official purposes and for technical landing/refuelling and also for Con-Training (endurance check).

(c) The expenditure incurred for the maintenance and running of the Aircraft during the period July' 91 to February '92 is Rs. 2,60,321 (Rs. Two lakhs sixty thousand three hundred and twenty one only).

(d) and (e). The Aircraft went to Jaipur/